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HISTORY OF JONES COUNTY GEORGIA

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time the outstanding citizen and a leader in Jones County. The said James Madison Gray had left a considerable sum to Mercer for the education of boys of Jones County. The name of Gray was thus given to the town which became the County site later and is today. Located near the center of the County in G.M.D. 450 Clinton District. The elevation is 605 feet and the eastern part of the town lies in Davidson's District.

Early citizens of Gray were the Mortons, Stewarts, Comers, Bonners, Greens, Turners, Ethridges, Johnsons, Godards, Pattersons, Braggs, Morgans, Blounts and Roberts.

The first school was a small wooden building built in 1897. Several schools have been built since then and the present modern school plant was begun in 1936 and has been expanded to its present size. Grammar school and gymnasium 1929, Vocational building 1955.

Present population of Gray is 1,000.

The Mayors of Gray have been the following: J. M. Childs, George Wallace, J. L. Mercer, R. L. Turk, Ard Pulliam, M. L. Greene, W. E. Knox.

Highways Nos. 129, 11, 22, 44 pass through Gray. Macon is only twelve miles away and many people live at Gray and work in Macon. A new subdivision has been opened by Charles H. Washburn, Sr. and the lots are rapidly being filled with new homes. The only industry at present is the Washburn Lumber Company. Gray is the center of the peach industry north of Macon. It can boast a dry cleaning establishment, super market, pieture show, a modern bank, five filling stations, an ultra modern motel, shoe shop and freezer locker.

The large Jones County High School is located here and a football field. The colored High School (Maggie Califf) newer and larger than the white school was completed this past year. Headquarters for the Rural Electrification Association is housed in a neat attractive building.

Griswoldville

Griswoldville located in southern Roberts District, 304 militarict on the Central of Ga. railroad near the Twiggs County line was named for Samuel Griswold. He came from Burlington Conn. about 1818. He first lived in Clinton where he had an iron foundry and manufactured cotton gins, but the business.

grew to such proportions that he decided to move his factory on a railroad.

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The Central railroad had just been completed to Savannah, so he bought 4,000 acres of land in lower Jones County through which the railroad ran. Here he built a mammoth gin factory, sawmill, a gristmill, a planing mill and a large brick foundry.

He erected a three-story residence of twenty rooms, with outhouses, servants' quarters, laundry, stables and barns.

Across the railroad was the Post office and fifty or sixty cottages with five or six rooms each for his white help and slaves. He also built a nice Church and a large store. He built his son a handsome dwelling nearby.

Gins were shipped from here to Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi.

In 1863 Griswold's gin factory was leased to the Confederate Government for the manufacture of army pistols. This factory which had turned out 900 gins in 1859 now was converted to the making of pistols. These weapons were calibre with rifled barrels and shaped like Colt's revolvers. The frames were brass which they could cast and work more easily. The cylinders were made of iron twisted to make it stronger. This metal was collected from all over Jones County, as the blockade had shut off imports. Most of the families in the county gave their metal from the homes and farms to be melted down for the use of the Confederacy. In 1864 Sherman's forces destroyed Griswoldville so thoroughly that only the tall smoke blackened chimneys remained for the next fifty years, to show where this once thriving business was. The soap and candle factory here was also destroyed.

The Van Burens lived here at one time right where the gin factory was burned. A nice home was built, later by a daughter. Mrs. Wallace Hardeman lived here, the Striplings, Johnsons, and Wells lived here.

The Battle of Griswoldville is written up in another Chapter. The story is told that the Johnson boys sold out about 1865 and went to Arkansas for they heard the tales about the rich lands out there. They wrote back glowing accounts of what they were doing, so several families sold out, among them the Striplings and Rufe Kelly from Gordon (the famous protector of Gordon against Sherman's thousands of Cavalrymen). When

the migrants reached Little Rock, the Mississippi River was covering the earth, and many were almost on starvation including the Johnson boys. Within a week or two all of the crowd and the Johnson boys were on their way back to Griswoldville, Jones County, Georgia.

Haddock

Haddock is located in the eastern part of the County, on the Dixie Highway and the Georgia Railroad, in Pope's district, 358 military district. The railroad was one of the first in the county, being built in 1871. Convicts were used for labor. The highway was paved in 1928. The town is built in a valley with the historical old Bowen home on one hill and the Haddock Junior High School on the other.

Haddock takes its name from Caswell Haddock and his wife Milbry Barnes Haddock, the earliest settlers in this section and it was from a part of their plantation that Haddock was built.

Milbry J. Barnes, a daughter of James Barnes, was married to Caswell Haddock Jan. 13, 1835 by Nathan Pasmore, J. P.

Prior to her marriage Milbry lived with her parents on their plantation near Bradley. After her marriage to Caswell Haddock, the couple moved to this plantation also owned by her father. This plantation contained 1350 acres of land. With her to her new home she brought a number of slaves also given to her by her father. At his death Mar. 10, 1859 James Barnes deeded this plantation to Milbry Barnes Haddock and her children.

Caswell and Milbry Haddock reared a large family. Their children were Jimmie (killed in the Battle of Bull Run), Victoria, Rebecca, Bluford, Jeannie, Thomas, Joseph, Ella, Christianna and William.

Sherman passed through this plantation on his march from Atlanta to the sea, burning the warehouse where several years cotton crops were stored, killing livestock and plundering as he went. His army made its headquarters at the Bowen home about a mile away.

After the building of the Georgia Railroad Samuel Anchora and his family moved to Haddock, then only a flag station, John

D. Anchors a son, started out west and stopping to tell his parents good-bye met and fell in love with Christianna Haddock, daughter of Caswell and Milbry. The plans for the trip west were abandoned and John D. Anchors and Christianna Haddock were married. They built their home near the railroad, this was really the first house ever built in the present site of Haddock. This house was built about 1872.

At the death of Milbry Barnes Haddock in 1885 the estate was divided among her children. At this time ten acres were sold at public auction, divided into lots for a section of the town of Haddock. This section was laid off in blocks and the streets named.

The first store in Haddock was built by Goldstein, this was followed closely by a Grocery Store owned by Caswell Haddock. Other early merchants were George Walker, John D. Anchors and Richard Bullington.

In 1882 Henry J. Finney moved to Haddock and was joined by his brother James T. Finney in 1884 when they jointly opened a mercantile business.

The first schoolhouse built in Haddock was built by John D. Anchors in 1884 as a semi-private school. The school was a one-room frame building, taught by Sue Norman whose salary was paid by John D. Anchors and Henry Newsome. Other children in this section were given the advantage of an early education.

As years passed and more families moved to Haddock this school no longer met the requirements and so in 1892 the Jones County Board of Education purchased a plot of land from Susie Phillips, daughter of Ella Haddock and a larger school was built. John D. Anchors and J. T. Finney were the first trustees of this school.

In time this school also proved insufficient and in 1908 David D. Batchelor gave one and one-half acres of land and a brick milding was erected. Trustees at this time were E. W. Coleman, C. W. Middlebrooks and C. H. Keller. This building was used mil 1934 when the county with the aid of the Federal Government built a model Junior High School which the citizens of Haddock prize highly.

The first cotton gin in Haddock was owned and operated by

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for President, and was himself a candidate for Vice President on the Douglas ticket. Some wanted this Douglas ticket that upheld squatter sovereignty and others wanted Bob Toombs and Henry R. Jackson. After the Convention got down to work there was much hard feeling between these two factions. Johnson delivered one of the strongest speeches ever delivered in the old State Capitol. Feeling keenly the strained relations, the alienation of some of his friends, he used all the eloquence of which he was capable, every word, and gesture showed his feeling. He began by stating his position upon the questions at issue and in a voice of thunder accompanied by illustrative gestures shouted, "I plant my feet upon this rock of Gibralter, and all the thunders and waves of the oceans cannot shake me."

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Before he had finished, the convention adjourned for dinner. Gov. Johnson went with Gray to the Jones County room in the hotel along with several other, where all took drinks and Johnson drank a glass of brandy.

After dinner when Johnson resumed his speech he was so visibly affected by the brandy his friends stopped him and carried him to his room. It was told that the opposition was afraid of him and power of his speech on the assembly to carry things his way and had gotten him drunk.

This was not true. S. H. Griswold said he heard Gray tell of the incident, and said that H. V. Johnson was so excited, nervous and under such strain, that the glass of brandy would not have affected him under normal conditions. Anyone who knew James Gray would not accuse him of such a trick. He was an honorable man and would not take advantage of another in this way.

During the Civil War, James Gray fitted out a Company for the army which was called the Gray Company and was afterward Co. F. 45th Georgia Regiment. During the Civil War his large plantation helped to feed the soldiers, the widows and children left here and others who needed help. He did all in his power to help the Confederate cause.

During reconstruction, Gray, with others like Col. Blount, Dr. Barron, Roland Ross and others did a great work in keeping Iones County in the hands of the white people. When he died he left the bulk of his property to Mercer University to be used

to educate the boys of Jones County. The County site of Gray was named for him. Jones County's first citizen, no other county had one more loyal.

The famous recipe of James Gray for mint julep: "Into each glass goblet pour a few spoonsful of sweetened water, pack in crushed ice, then pour a ruby colored liquor grown old in the deep cellar, use a wine glass full. Plant a bunch of fresh mint in the top of each glass. Use a toddy stick to bruise the mint as the guest chooses."

Excerpts from Jones Co. News-1909. S. N. Griswold)

SAMUEL GRISWOLD

Edward Griswold b. 1607; Thomas Griswold b. Sept. 29, 1658, m. Hester Drake and had a son Samuel b. August 7, 1685, who m. Deborah Holcomb and had a s. Samuel, b. 1715, who had ch. Delight and Jeremiah. Jeremiah b. Feb. 1746, m. Phoebe Case and their son was the Samuel, b. Dec. 27, 1790 who m. Louisa Forbes on April 7, 1813 and came to Jones County about 1820.

The first Griswold's to come to America, came over in 1620 from Windsor, England. Samuel Griswold born on Dec. 27, 1790 died Sept. 14, 1867, the son of Jeremiah Griswold, married Louisa Forbes (dau. of Elisha Forbes) on April 7, 1813, in Burlington, Connecticutt. Their first son died, (Roger) and the Griswold's decided to take their daughter Lucia, b. August 6, 1816, and come south to a better climate. They came to Clinton, Jones Co., Ga. about 1820. He secured employment as a clerk in a store in the village and his wife, to assist him, secured work as a tailoress, and so occupied her spare hours for several years.

Samuel was possessed of native shrewdness in business and a sterling character. In a few years he had saved enough money, which together with his good credit, enabled him to establish a factory for the manufacture of cotton gins. It was located where Roy Coulter now lives, and he built a house across the road on Bonnner's Hill. When the railroad was built from Savannah to Macon he saw the advantage of having his factory on a railroad, so he bought a tract of land, established the village of Griswoldville in Jones Co., and located his plant there, which was making 900 gins a year. He built about twenty homes for his employees,

a large house for himself, one for his son, a grist mill, a saw mill and a church. He made holes through twelve foot logs and placing them end to end piped water to his dwelling and mill. He soon accumulated a fortune, and much land. During the Civil War his factory was leased to the Confederate government and made pistols and munitions. When Sherman came through in 1864, he saw that the entire works was leveled to the ground by

The revolver made at Griswoldville was called the Griswold and Grier Revolver. It had a brass frame, 71/2 in. barrel, a 36 caliber, fired six shots, rifled, six grooves right. Made from 1862-64. No marks on it except the serial 2419 on cylinder and left side of frame and barrel lug. There were 3,600 of these pistols made before the factory was burned. (see cut)

An account of the gins Griswold made is found in the "Letters

of S. H. Griswold," who was a grandson.

Chil. of Samuel and Louisa Forbes Griswold were: (1) Giles Humphry Griswold, b. Jan. 14, 1821 mar. Penina Temperance Newton (only ch. of Josiah Newton) on Sept 2, 1841. Their d. Lucia Griswold, b. Oct. 3, 1844 in Jones Co. mar. Col. Isaac Hardeman, b. Aug. 29, 1834, son of Robert Vines and Elizabeth Clark Henderson Hardeman. Children of Lucia and Isaac Hardeman were Roberta (Jones), John, Giles, Dolly Mariah, Lucia Pauline (Chappell), Isaac, Ellen, Louise and Frank.

Other ch. of Giles and Penina T. Griswold were: William, Annie, Lula, Lizzic, Ella and Josiah.

- (2) Elisha Case Griswold, m. Anne Elizabeth Hardeman (dau. of Thomas Hardeman). Their son Samuel Hardeman Griswold m. Nelle Brown and had ch. S. H. Griswold, Jr., who m. Laura Brown and had ch. (1) Samuel Sidney Griswold, (2) Julia, (Mrs. Sam J. May) (3) Ada, deceased. (4) Nelle Brown Griswold who m. Peyton T. Anderson and had ch., Laura Nelle (O'Callaghan) Peyton T. Anderson, Jr., who m. Catherine Mc-Clure and their ch. are: Catherine (Bleidtrue) and Laura Derele Anderson.
- (3) Lucia, mar. Francis Solomon Johnson (she was b. Aug. 6, 1816) lived in Clinton in old Johnson home and had ten ch: (1) Louise, mar. William Ethridge, (2) Francis 1. Jr., mar.

Emily Hutchings, (3) Elisha died young. (4) Horatio died in an accident. (5) Cater, d. from accidental gunshot. (6) Samuel d. from wounds received in Civil War. (7) Richard, mar. Annie Griswold, had Lois, Holmes, William and Berner. (8) Holmes, mar. Sallie Hinton. (9) Betty Lucia m. 1st Wm. Lundy, 2nd, Bert Catchings. (10) William, never mar. When Lucia died. F. S. Johnson, Sr. mar. 2nd Cordelia Morgan, had one s. Dorsey who d., Elizabeth Johnson, m. Robert Reynolds.

Lois, dau of Francis S. and Lucia G. Johnson mar. Francis Marion Stewart and had ch. Francis M. Jr. who mar. Lucile Larkin from Houston, Texas and had Francis, III, and Jimmy Richard, mar. Anne Stewart and had: Marcus, Holmes and Dick. Joseph, mar. Elisha Speights and had ch. Elisha and Joseph, Jr. William, s. of Richard and Annie Johnson, mar. Louise Solomon and had Patsy who m. Frank Childs and had s.; Frank, Jr., Richard and Craig. Berner m. Frances Solomon and had ch. Annie Louise and Berner Richard.

(4) Annie Griswold mar. James Stubbs.

(5) Mary, mar. Gen. D. N. Smith.

(6) Ellen, mar. Capt. Richard Bonner in 1836.

(7) Eliza T., mar. 1st Henry Dorsey, m. 2nd Col. E. C. Grier.

COL. BENJAMIN HAWKINS

Col. Benjamin Hawkins for several years was a citizen of Jones County and his will is recorded here and may be found in the Ordinary's office at the Gray courthouse. He was born in Butte Co. (now Warren Co.) of North Carolina on August 15, 1754. His parents were Col. Philemon and Delia Martin Hawkins. Benjamin Hawkins went to Princeton until the Revolutionary War suspended it. He was good in French and became the translator for George Washington and was with him at the Battle of Monmouth in 1779. He was a member of Congress in 1782-83. In 1785 he was appointed Commissioner to treat with the Cherokees, and other Indians South of them, as well as to deal with the Creeks; duties which he faithfully performed. In 1786 he was again elected to Congress, and in 1889 to the U.S. Senate for six years. After this he was appointed Supt. of all Indian affairs South. He established a large farm, built mills,

1 Family Group Record Husband: **BUDDY WARREN GRISWALD** Born: 15 Jul 1934 COALMONT, GRUNDY CO. TN. in: Died: 23 Jul 1980 COALMONT, GRUNDY CO. TN. in: Relationship with Father: HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD - Natural Relationship with Mother: SUSIE MAE WARREN - Natural Address and Phone(s) ALTMONT City: State or province: TN. Zip or postal code: 37301 Medical Notes BURIED COALMONT CEM., ORUNDY CO. TN. **Marriage Information** Wife: MYRTLE MARIE SWEETON Beginning status: Married Marriage Notes Wife: MYRTLE MARIE SWEETON Born: 15 Dec 1933 COALMONT, GRUNDY CO. TN. in: **EDWARD SWEETON - Natural** Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother: Mande Effie Hargis - Natural Address and Phone(s) City: ALTMONT State or province: TN. Zip or postal code: 37301 Medical Notes Child: SUSAN RENEE GRISWALD Born: 08 Apr 1956 Relationship with Father: **BUDDY WARREN GRISWALD - Natural** Relationship with Mother: MYRTLE MARIE SWEETON - Natural Address and Phone(s) City: ALTMONT State or province: TN. Zip or postal code: 37301 Medical Notes **Marriage Information** Marriage Notes Child: PAMELA DIANE GRISWALD Born: 04 Feb 1959 **BUDDY WARREN GRISWALD - Natural** Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother: MYRTLE MARIE SWEETON - Natural Address and Phone(s) ALTMONT City: State or province:

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Zip or postal code:

Marriage Information

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Family Group Record

Husband: HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD			LDS Ordinance Data	
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Man	Name: BETTY GRISWALD Born: rried: Died: Douse:	Place: Place: Place:	Bap: End: SP:	
Men	Name: MARY GRISWALD Born: rried: Died: Douse:	Place: Place: Place:	Bap: End: SP:	
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Relationship of Submitter to Husband Wife

Family Group Record			
Husband:	HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD		
Born: in:	25 Nov 1899 TRACY CITY, TN.		
Address and Phone(s)			
Medical			
Notes			
Marriage Information Wife:	SUSIE MAE WARREN		
Married:	25 Jun 1930 Married		
Beginning status: in:	BRIDGEPORT, AL.		
Marriage Notes			
Wife:	SUSIE MAE WARREN		
Born:	01 Jul 1901		
in:	TRACY CITY, TN.		
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Address and Phone(s)			
Medical			
Notes			
Child:	BETTY GRISWALD		
Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother:	HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD - Natural SUSIE MAE WARREN - Natural		
Address and Phone(s)			
Medical			
Notes			
Marriage Information			
Marriage Notes			
Child:	MARY GRISWALD		
Relationship with Father:			
Relationship with Mother:	SUSIE MAE WARREN - Natural		
Address and Phone(s)			
Medical			
Notes			
Marriage Information			
Marriage Notes			
Child:	MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWOLD		
Born:			
in: Relationship with Father:	HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD - Natural		
Relationship with Mother:	SUSIE MAE WARREN - Netural		
Address and Phone(s)			
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Marriage information Husband: Beginning status.	JAMES WILLIAM "JIMMY" HARGIS Married				
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Child:	BUDDY WARREN GRISWALD				
Born: in: Died: in: Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother:	COALMONT, GRUNDY CO. TN. HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD - Natural				
Address and Phone(s) City: State or province: Zip or postal code:	TN.				
Medical					
Notes BURIED COALMONT CEM., GI	RUNDY CO. TN.				
Marriage Information					

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Family Group Record

Spouse:

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	Husband: JAMES WILLIAM "JIMMY"	' HARGIS	LDS Ordinance Data	
	Born: 14 Feb 1933 Chr: Married: Died: Buried: Father: CHARLES AARON HARGIS Mother: MARY C. SCRUGGS Other Spouses:	Place: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place: Place:	Bap: End: Seal: SP:	
	Wife: MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWO	DLD	LDS Ordinance Data	
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1 F	Name: BETTY SUSAN HARGIS Born: 04 Aug 1961 Married: Died: Spouse:	Place: Place: Place:	Bep: End: SP:	
2 M	Name: JAMES STEPHEN HARGIS Born: 04 Aug 1961 Married: Died:	Place: Place: Place:	Bap: End: SP-	

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Family Group Record	1
Husband:	JAMES WILLIAM "JIMMY" HARGIS
Born:	14 Feb 1933
Relationship with Father:	CHARLES AARON HARGIS - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	MARY C. SCRUGGS - Natural
Address and Phone(s)	
Medical	
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Marriage Information	
Wife: Beginning status:	MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWOLD Married
Marriage Notes	
Wife:	MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWOLD
Born:	14 Aug 1931
in: Relationship with Father:	COALMONT, TN. HERBERT RAYMOND GRISWALD - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	SUSIE MAE WARREN - Natural
Address and Phone(s)	
Medical	
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Child:	BETTY SUSAN HARGIS
Born:	04 Aug 1961
Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother:	JAMES WILLIAM "JIMMY" HARGIS - Natural MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWOLD - Natural
Address and Phone(s)	
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Medical	
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Marriage Information	
Marriage Notes	
Child:	JAMES STEPHEN HARGIS
Born:	04 Aug 1961
Relationship with Father: Relationship with Mother:	JAMES WILLIAM "JIMMY" HARGIS - Natural MATTIE LUCILLE GRISWOLD - Natural
Address and Phone(s)	
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